



# **COSATU and the Party: On-Message with the ANC**

In this election campaign, COSATU and the Party (SACP) have together committed ourselves to the comprehensive Manifesto and National Development Plan of our liberation Movement, the African National Congress. We invite all our members and supporters, and the whole great South African Nation, to join us. Our message is one:

## **Together We Move South Africa Forward!**

Together, by our votes, we commit to raise employment; develop rural South Africa and achieve food security; create fully serviced human settlements; expand education and training; create comprehensive health and social security; fight corruption and crime; work for peace and progress in the world; and build the nation.

The ANC liberated South Africa from racism and apartheid. Since 1994, 5m more people are in work. Total employment is now 14m. Twice as many are at university, and twice as many are graduating. 5,000 farms have been transferred to black people, benefiting 200,000 families. 80,000 land claims have been settled, benefitting 1.8 m people. Those receiving social grants increased from 3m to 16m. Over 3.3 million free houses have been built, benefiting more than 16m people. 92% have access to potable water, compared to 60% in 1996. Access to electricity has doubled and nearly everyone has it now.

### **Five years**

In the last five years ANC membership has more than doubled. The ANC is everywhere recognised as the only organisation that can unite the country.

In these years the ANC-led government has invested R1 trillion in infrastructure, double the rate of the previous 5 yrs. In these five years, adults with banking services grew from 60% in 2009 to more than 75%.

**In these last five years**, 500 informal settlements have been replaced with quality housing and basic services. The matric pass rate increased from 60.6% in 2009 to 78.2%. In the two years between 2010 and 2012, FET enrolments almost doubled from 345,566 in 2010 to 657,690. Loans and bursaries to poor students went up from R2.3bn to R8bn. Over 7m learners are now in no-fee schools. New teacher graduates doubled from 6,000 in 2009 to 13,000 in 2012. Babies born HIV+ reduced from 24,000 in 2008 to 8,200 in 2011. Average life expectancy increased by 4 more years to 60 years in 2012

### **Here is what we are now going to do, together:**

#### **Work:**

There will be local procurement. The state will buy at least 75% of its goods and services from South African producers. It will support small enterprises, co-operatives, and broad-based empowerment. The massive roll-out of infrastructure in Energy, Transport, ICT and Water will continue. There will be a many-sided national effort to get our youth into work, including placement and internship and training incentive schemes, and 60% youth employment in infrastructure and other youth employment projects.

Together we will promote investment and access to credit, consolidate the public works programme, creating six million more work opportunities by 2019 - many of which will be of long duration. Together we will enforce measures to end abusive work practices for part-time and contract workers and those employed by labour brokers

#### **In the Rural Areas**

We will come together to support local markets and credit facilities. We will increase investment in agricultural infrastructure in support of small-holder farmers, prioritising former homeland communal areas. We are going to strengthen agricultural college education through skills development funds. We will expand the Food for All programme for procuring and distributing affordable essential foodstuffs directly to poor communities.

We will increase the number of youth participants in the National Rural Youth Service Corps from the present 14,000 to 50,000 in the next five years. We will accelerate settlement of remaining land claims and re-open the period for lodgement of claims for restitution of land for a period of five years, starting in 2014.

#### **Human Settlements and basic services**

We will provide a million housing opportunities for qualifying households in urban and rural settlements over the next five years, keeping to the same rate but now with better quality homes. We will increase affordable housing through housing allowances for teachers, nurses, police officers, office workers and others who do not qualify for RDP subsidy, yet cannot afford housing. We will work with banks, private sector organisations, co-operatives and social partners to increase provision of capital for housing. We will also establish a mortgage insurance scheme. We will connect an additional 1.6m homes to the electricity grid over the next 5yrs.

### **Education and Training**

2 years of pre-school education are going to be compulsory. Teacher development will proceed through many different measures, and improve the quality of basic education up to the senior grade. We will build 1000 new schools and provide accommodation for 50 000 students. We will introduce compulsory community service for all graduates.

### **Health Care and Comprehensive Social Security for all**

With the full support of COSATU and the Party we will together implement the next phase of the National Health Insurance (NHI) through a publicly funded and administered NHI Fund. 213 new clinics and community health centres and 43 hospitals will be constructed. Over 870 health facilities in all 11 NHI pilot districts will undergo major and minor refurbishments. We will strengthen and expand the free primary health care programme, train an average of 2000 new doctors per year, improve public hospital management and reduce the costs of private health care.

Together we will intensify the campaign against HIV and AIDS , and ensure that 4.6m receive their anti-retrovirals. We will make sure that all chronic medication is available and delivered closer to where patients live.

We will increase the supply of social service professionals, introduce mandatory cover for retirement, disability and survivor benefits, continue to roll out existing social grants to those who qualify and urgently finalise policy discussions on a comprehensive social protection policy that ensures no needy South African falls through the social security net

### **Fight Corruption and Crime**

The ANC, COSATU and the Party will intensify our joint fight against corruption both in government and in the private sector. We will stop public servants from doing business and hold public officials individually liable for losses arising from corrupt actions. We will pursue action against companies involved in bid rigging, price fixing and corruption in past and current infrastructure build programmes. We will strengthen Sexual Offences and Community Affairs Units as a priority to deal with domestic violence and violence against women and children.

### **Poverty and equality**

Long term we need to build an economy that provides decent jobs for all. This is the only way to develop the country and end poverty. Skills development and better education are the key to economic development.

In the short term we have to make sure that poor households get support and services for a better life now. We can do this. Since 1994, **on every single working day**, the ANC government delivered 600 new houses, water and electricity to 1 300 new households, 2 600 new social grant beneficiaries, 7m school meals and free education and health care for the poor. All of these measures target poor households. The total cost of all free services exceeds R3000 p/m per poor household. Together, we can do it.

# National Development Plan

The NDP aims to eliminate income poverty before 2030. We will reduce the proportion of households with monthly income below R419 per person from 39% to zero.

## The National Development Plan addresses key challenges

Too few people are in work. The quality of school education for black people is poor. Infrastructure like power, roads, rail, communication, water and sanitation is poorly located, inadequate to serve all and under-maintained. Apartheid spatial planning hampers inclusive development. The economy is unsustainably resource-intensive. The inherited public health system cannot meet demand for quality services, which are consequently uneven and often of poor quality. Corruption levels are too high, and South Africa remains a divided society.

NDP is a plan to increase employment from 13m in 2010 to 24 m in 2030; raise average income from R50 000 in 2010 to R120 000 by 2030; and increase the share of national income of the bottom 40% of people from 6% to 10% of national income.

All of the commitments we will jointly make when we cast our vote for the ANC on 7 May are in keeping with the NDP. It is a commitment for more than the 5-year term.

The NDP is our plan to create full employment, eliminate poverty and reduce inequality by 2030. The NDP is complemented by medium term government programmes: National Growth Path, Industrial Policy Action Plan, Infrastructure Development Plan, Skills Development and small business development. Together these plans will increase the skills of our work force, build modern industry including small businesses, add value to raw materials before export, build jobs in more industries here rather than importing products, invest billions in infrastructure projects that create jobs, grow the economy and meet the basic needs of our people.

Our message and slogan – **Together We Move South Africa Forward** – is consistent with the ANC's unity-in-action in the struggle years, in the Mandela years, and all the way up to the present moment. Consequently, we now have an opportunity to move forward in a way that is more favourable than ever before.

The African National Congress is still the only organisation that can unite the nation.

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